

THE EVENTS RESEARCH PROGRAMME DIRECTION – THE 2021 CHALLENGE CUP  
FINAL AT WEMBLEY ON 17th JULY 2021

THE HEALTH PROTECTION (CORONAVIRUS, RESTRICTIONS) (STEPS) (ENGLAND)  
REGULATIONS 2021

The Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport and the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, in exercise of the powers conferred by regulation 9 of the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Steps) (England) Regulations 2021<sup>1</sup> (“the Regulations”), make the following Direction for the purposes of a research programme concerned with the provision of an appropriate public health response to the incidence and spread of coronavirus in England.

Before making this Direction, the Secretaries of State have consulted with Professor Jonathan Van-Tam of the Department of Health and Social Care and had regard to any advice given by him.

1. This Direction applies to—
  - a. the following premises—
    - i. Wembley Stadium, London HA9 0WS (“Wembley Stadium”);
    - ii. the areas outlined in blue on the Map attached at Annex A (“the Blue Areas”);
    - iii. the land immediately outside and around Wembley Stadium, including the Olympic Steps, shown bounded externally by the red line on the Map attached at Annex A, but not including Wembley Stadium (“the Surrounding Areas”);
    - iv. the three car parks, labelled as “Yellow Parking”, “Red Parking” and “Pink Parking” and shaded in yellow, red and pink respectively on the Map attached at Annex A (“the Car Parks”); and
    - v. the two bag drops, labelled as “Yellow Bag Drop” and “Red Bag Drop” and shaded in yellow and red respectively on the Map attached at Annex A (“the Bag Drops”); and
  - b. the Rugby League 2021 Challenge Cup Final taking place at Wembley Stadium (“the 2021 Challenge Cup Final”).
2. This Direction disapplies the following restrictions and requirements in relation to Wembley Stadium for the purposes of the 2021 Challenge Cup Final on 17th July 2021—
  - a. In relation to the Regulations—
    - i. paragraph 1, Schedule 3 (participation in gatherings); and

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<sup>1</sup> S.I. 2021/364, as amended by S.I. 2021/455, 585 and 705.

- ii. paragraph 7, Schedule 3 (restrictions on service of food and drink for consumption on the premises);
  - b. In relation to the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings in a Relevant Place) (England) Regulations 2020<sup>2</sup> (“the Face Coverings Regulations”)—
    - i. regulation 3(1) (requirement to wear a face covering whilst entering or remaining within a relevant place); and
  - c. In relation to the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Obligations of Undertakings) (England) Regulations 2020<sup>3</sup> (“the Obligations Regulations”)—
    - i. regulation 1A(2) (restrictions in relation to relevant premises);
    - ii. regulation 2(1) (restrictions on hospitality undertakings); and
    - iii. regulation 2A(1) (requirements relating to signage and information).
- 3. This Direction disapplies the following restrictions in relation to the Blue Areas for the purposes of the 2021 Challenge Cup Final on 17th July 2021—
  - a. In relation to the Regulations—
    - i. paragraph 1, Schedule 3 (participation in gatherings); and
    - ii. paragraph 2, Schedule 3 (organisation or facilitation of gatherings); and
  - b. In relation to the Obligations Regulations—
    - i. regulation 1A(2) (restrictions in relation to relevant premises).
- 4. This Direction disapplies the following restrictions in relation to the Surrounding Areas for the purposes of the 2021 Challenge Cup Final on 17th July 2021—
  - a. In relation to the Regulations—
    - i. paragraph 1, Schedule 3 (participation in gatherings); and
  - b. In relation to the Obligations Regulations—
    - ii. regulation 1A(2) (restrictions in relation to relevant premises).
- 5. This Direction disapplies the following restriction in relation to the Car Parks and the Bag Drops for the purposes of the 2021 Challenge Cup Final on 17th July 2021—
  - a. In relation to the Regulations—
    - i. paragraph 1, Schedule 3 (participation in gatherings).

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<sup>2</sup> S.I. 2020/791, as amended by S.I. 2020/839, 882, 906, 1021 and 1026 and S.I. 2021/247, 364 and 585.

<sup>3</sup> S.I. 2020/1008, as amended by S.I. 2020/1046, 1057, 1103, 1104, 1105, 1154, 1200, 1374 and 1611, and S.I. 2021/364 and 585.

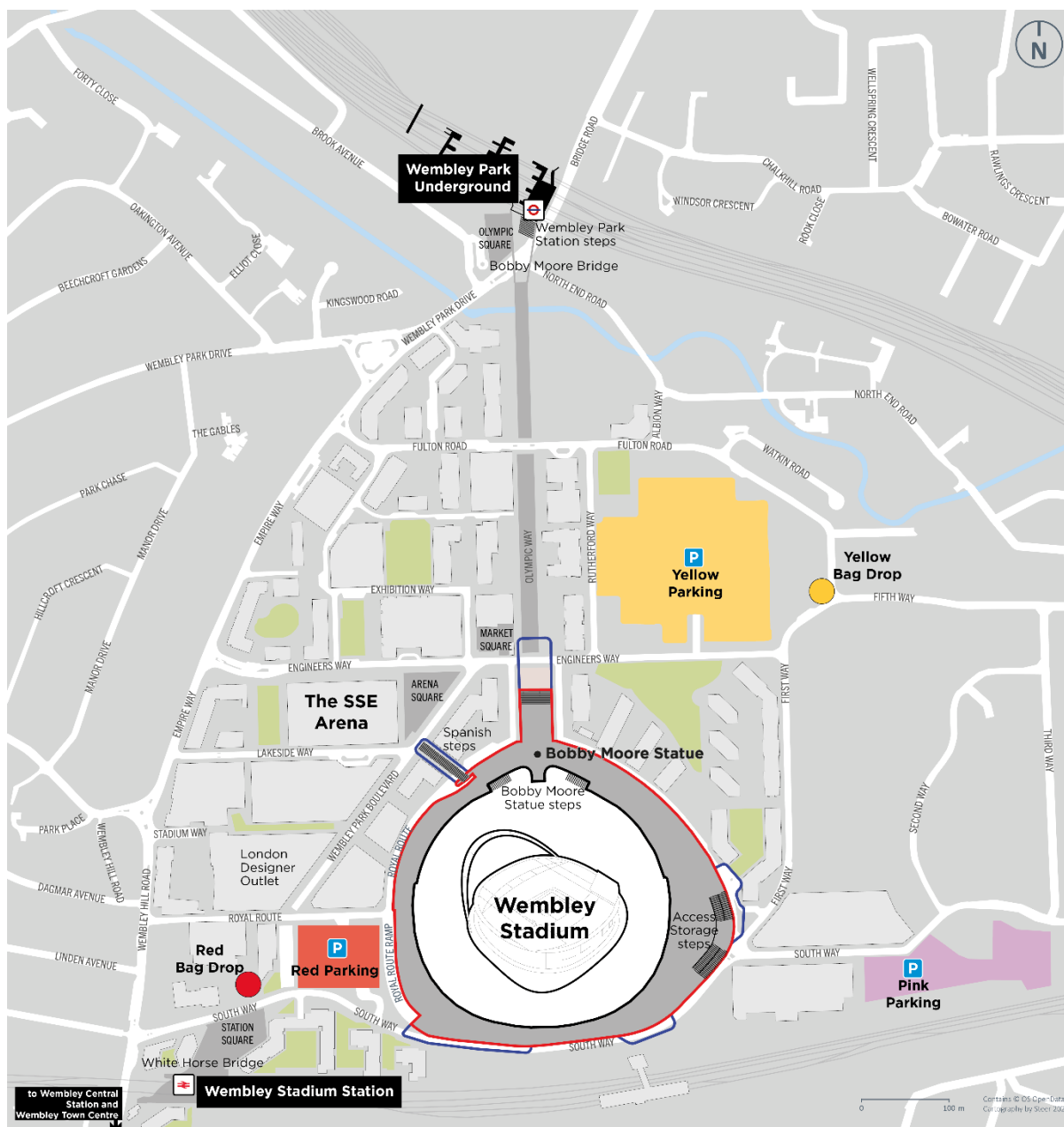
Signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport

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Signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care

Date of signature

## ANNEX A



A copy of this map, signed by a member of the Senior Civil Service in the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, is available for inspection at:

- a. 100 Parliament Street, Westminster, London SW1A 2BQ; and
- b. Wembley Stadium, London HA9 0WS.